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Bay Delta Update from Les Grober And Tom Howard:

PHASE 1

The revised SED for Phase 1 (lower SJR & south Delta) will be released by the end of MAR 2015, and a final decision n Phase 1 by the end of the 2015 calendar year. Expect up to a 90 day comment period on the March document and potentially a CEQA workshop, but not an evidentiary hearing.

Les would not reveal potential changes to the range of % UF as staff has not finished briefing Board members and incorporating their ideas. Expect provisions for controlling temperatures within the Delta.

PHASE 2

The Phase 2 document "is more likely to be affected by the drought" in contrast to Phase 1. [Tim's note: we should follow-up with Les or Diane on whether he was referring to the content of the Phase 2 document as the schedule for Phase 1 was most certainly affected by the drought]. Look for some version of the "scientific basis" modeling results by AUG 2015. Approach will be similar to Phase 1 with % UF targeted for Middle River (OMR) and points in the Sacramento River Basin.

Re: overlap with BDCP, project proponents (DWR, USBR) favor a "narrower range" of outflow sources than does SWRCB (who would like to see DWR and USBR seek more freshwater flow inputs from outside the legal Delta, e.g. engagement with upstream diverters and stakeholders. DWR/ICF are pitting the need for increased freshwater flows against the need to conserve/store cold water in reservoirs to safeguard cold water fisheries.

Thanks, Tim
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